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Introduction

This publication has been prepared by the Prison and Probation Statistics team, Analytical Services. It contains key statistics describing the workload of the Probation Service in England and Wales.

Full details on data quality and definitions are given in the notes at the end of the text.

All statistics quoted in this quarterly brief are provisional pending publication of the annual volume Offender Management Caseload Statistics. The most recent annual volume, covering 2008, is published on 31 July 2009.

The main factors affecting the Probation Service caseload are:

- the number of cases passing through the courts and the number found guilty;
- the community sentence rates at the courts;
- average sentence length given;
- changes to policy and legislation.

Key points – Q1 2009 compared to Q1 2008 (unless otherwise stated)

1. Offenders starting Probation Service supervision (Tables 1 to 6)

- **The number of offenders starting court orders and pre or post release supervision increased between Q1 2008 and Q1 2009:**
 - The number starting court order supervision increased by 5 per cent (up from 46,800 to 49,000).
 - The number of offenders starting Community Orders increased by 9 per cent (up from 33,000 to 35,900).
 - The number of offenders starting Suspended Sentence Orders (SSOs) fell by 2 per cent (down from 12,100 to 11,800). This is the third quarter on quarter fall in a row.
 - The number of offenders starting pre or post release supervision (11,800) remained almost the same, with no percentage change.
- **Half of all Community Orders starting in Q1 2009 had just one requirement:** 50 per cent had one requirement and a further 35 per cent had two requirements; for SSOs these proportions were 36 per cent and 42 per cent respectively. The proportions having each number of requirements have remained stable throughout the last five quarters.
- **Stand alone unpaid work was the most common combination of requirements** accounting for almost a third of Community Orders and 20 per cent of all SSOs starting in Q1 2009.
- **Overall, supervision was the most used requirement for Community Orders and SSOs** started in Q1 2009, closely followed by unpaid work. These two requirements accounted for roughly two-thirds of all requirements attached to orders. Among other requirements, use of the alcohol treatment requirement increased by 60 per cent and specified activities by 45 per cent between Q1 2008 and Q1 2009 under Community Orders. All requirements had increased, apart from accredited programmes. Under SSOs there were also significant increases in alcohol treatment and specified activities (49 and 36 per cent respectively).
- **The proportion of offenders starting Community Orders who were supervised under Tier 1 increased** from 29 per cent to 34 per cent between Q1 2008 and Q1 2009. Conversely, the number supervised under Tier 2 decreased from 29 per cent to 25 per cent. For SSOs, there were similar shifts for Tier 1 and Tier 3 cases respectively. Supervision tier indicates the level of intervention required with offenders, with tier 1 being the lowest and tier 4 the highest.

2. Offender caseload (Tables 7 and 8) – 31 March 09 compared to 31 March 08

- **Slight decrease in Probation Service court order caseload as at 31 March 2009:**
 - 2 per cent fall in the number of offenders supervised under a court order at the end of March 2009 (down from 149,000 to 147,000).
 - 1 per cent increase in the number of offenders being supervised under Community Orders, but a 1 per cent decrease in the number being supervised under SSOs.
 - 2 per cent increase in number of offenders supervised either before or after release from prison at the end of March 2009, including an 8 per cent increase in the number supervised post release.

3. Terminations of court orders (Table 9)

- **More than 60 per cent of Community and Suspended Sentence Orders ran their full course or were terminated early for good progress in Q1 2009:**
 - Of the 31,900 Community Orders terminated, 62 per cent had run their full course or were terminated early for good progress, compared to 27 per cent terminated for negative reasons. The equivalent percentages for SSOs were 65 and 29 respectively.

4. Court reports (Tables 10 and 11)

- **Slight increase in the total number of court reports and continued rise in the proportion of fast delivery pre sentence reports (PSRs):**
 - A total of 58,200 court reports were prepared in Q1 2009, 1 per cent up on Q1 2008.
 - The number of Standard PSRs fell by 7 per cent whilst total fast delivery PSRs rose by 15 per cent.
 - The proportion of fast delivery PSRs (both written and oral) from the combined total of fast delivery and standard PSRs was 42 per cent in Q1 2009, higher than in Q1 2008 when it was 37 per cent.
 - There has been a continued large increase in the number of oral fast delivery PSRs. Comparing Q1 2009 with the same quarter in 2008 they have increased by 19 per cent. The increase in magistrates' courts was 18 per cent, compared to 106 per cent in the Crown Court (although in the case of the latter it should be noted that these numbers are relatively small).

- Over the same period written fast delivery PSRs increased by 14 per cent. In magistrates' courts the increase was 8 per cent and in the Crown Court it was 130 per cent.
- **The level of concordance between sentences proposed and given for the twelve months ending 31 March 2009 was highest for custodial sentences** at 89 per cent, compared to 70 per cent for community sentences and 52 per cent for Suspended Sentence Orders.
- Seventy-seven per cent of PSRs prepared recommended a Community Sentence, while 12 per cent recommended a Suspended Sentence Order and 9 per cent custody.

Explanatory notes

Data quality

The data presented in this brief are drawn from the probation administrative IT systems. Although care is taken when processing and analysing the returns, the detail collected is subject to the inaccuracies inherent in any large-scale recording system. While the figures shown have been checked as far as practicable, they should be considered as approximate and not necessarily accurate to the last whole number shown in the tables. They are fit to be used for purposes of looking at trends and for comparing the relative magnitude of components.

Counting rules

Persons starting supervision – annual (and quarterly) statistics in tables 1, 2, 3 and 5 count each person once in each year (or quarter) for each type of supervision started in the year (or quarter). But each person is counted only once in each total or sub-total even if they started several types of supervision in the year or quarter. Thus the sum of the number of persons starting each type of court order exceeds the number of those starting court orders in total. In contrast, table 4 counts each requirement once.

People supervised (caseload) – the statistics in tables 6 and 7 count each person once for each type of supervision being received at the end of the quarter. But each person is counted only once in each total or sub-total even if they were subject to several types of supervision at the end of the quarter. Thus, the sum of the numbers receiving each type of court order supervision exceeds the number receiving court supervision in total.

Terminations – the statistics count all terminations of all types of supervision in each quarter.

See Technical Appendix in Offender Management Caseload Statistics 2008 for a more detailed explanation of the counting procedures.

Definitions

PRE-SENTENCE REPORTS

Pre-sentence report (PSR)/ Standard PSR – Pre-sentence reports are written reports prepared by probation staff. PSRs provide information to the sentencing court about the offender and the offence(s) committed, and they assist the court in deciding on a suitable sentence. They should provide a full risk assessment and a proposal for sentencing that takes into account the risk of harm, the likelihood of re-offending, the nature of the offence and the suitability of the offender.

Specific sentence report (SSR) – a shortened form of pre-sentence reports, usually provided on the same day by probation staff. The report helps the sentencing court determine the offender's suitability for a specific sentence envisaged by the court. SSRs were introduced during 1999.

Fast Delivery PSR (written) – As Standard PSR, but normally completed on day of request and must be completed within 5 days. Full risk assessment not usually required.

Fast Delivery PSR (oral) – The Criminal Justice Act 2003 removed the requirement for all PSRs to be written. An oral PSR can be made when the court only requires a limited amount of information.

Deferred Sentence Reports – When a Court defers sentence to a future date and sets clear expectations for the offender's progress, a Pre-Sentence Report (i.e. a deferred sentence report) will normally be required to detail how those expectations have been fulfilled and to assist the court in determining the appropriate sentence.

Court Review Reports – In certain circumstances a court at the time of passing a community order or suspended sentence order can determine that the sentence should be reviewed periodically and would require the responsible officer to present a report (i.e. a Review Report) on the offender's progress and compliance.

PROBATION SERVICE SUPERVISION

The National Probation Service generally deals with those aged 18 years and over. (Those under 18 are mostly dealt with by Youth Offending Teams, answering to the Youth Justice Board.) The main types of supervision are:

Community Order – Single community sentence introduced by the Criminal Justice Act 2003 for offences committed on or after 4 April 2005. Designed to replace all previous adult community orders. The court must add at least one (but could potentially add all 12) of the following requirements: supervision, unpaid work, specified activities, prohibited activities, accredited programs, curfew, exclusion, residence, mental health treatment, drug rehabilitation, alcohol treatment, and attendance centre requirement for under 25s.

Suspended Sentence Order – a custodial sentence suspended for between 6 months and 2 years. During this time the court sets a number of requirements from the set of options available for the Community Order, and these are supervised by the Probation Service.

Community Rehabilitation Order (CRO) – this is of 6 months to 3 years length, for those aged 16 and over. It may have additional requirements such as residence, probation centre attendance or treatment for drug, alcohol or mental problems. CRO was formerly a Probation Order

Community Punishment Order (CPO) – is of unpaid work of 40 – 240 hours for those aged 16 and over (20 – 100 hours for fine defaulters). CPO was formerly a Community Service Order.

Community Punishment and Rehabilitation Order (CPRO) – is of 1 to 3 year probation element and 40-100 hour community punishment element for those aged 16 and over. It may have additional requirements like those of a CRO. CPRO was formerly a Combination Order.

Drug Treatment and Testing Order (DTTO) – for 6 months to 3 years for those aged 16 and over. Introduced nationally from 1 October 2000, following a pilot in a few areas from 30 March 1998.

Children and Young Persons Act 1969 (C&YP 1969) – this is a supervision order for up to 3 years for those aged under 18. It may have additional requirements similar to those of a CRO. Youth Offending Teams, not the Probation Service, have supervised these orders since 2000.

Suspended Sentence Supervision Order (SSSO) – where the Crown Court suspends the 6 month to 2 year prison sentence they may ask the Probation Service to supervise.

Money Payment Supervision Order (MPSO) – Youth and adult magistrates' courts may enforce monetary penalties by appointing a member of the Probation Service (or other person) to supervise the offender.

PRE AND POST RELEASE SUPERVISION

Prisoners released on licence are also supervised by the Probation Service both before and after their release.

All prisoners given a custodial sentence of 12 months or more serve a proportion of their sentence in custody and are then released on licence. They are supervised by probation staff before and after release from custody. In addition, offenders with sentences of less than 12 months who are aged under 22 receive a minimum of 3 months post-release supervision, provided this does not extend beyond their 22nd birthday.

Pre-release supervision – Home supervising officers along with probation staff in prisons work jointly with prison staff on sentence planning and management, including consideration of post-release issues.

Post-release supervision – Prisoners released on licence are supervised by the Probation Service in the community. The aims of post-release supervision are to protect the public, prevent further offences and secure the rehabilitation of the offender.

Supervision Tier – Supervision *tier* indicates the level of intervention required with offenders, with tier 1 being the lowest and tier 4 the highest. The Offender Management Tiering framework is a way of categorising offenders according to the level of risk of serious harm and likelihood of reoffending presented by the individual, combined with the complexity of the sentence requirements. This process aims to protect the public by ensuring that the appropriate organisational resources, in terms of staff and time, are matched to the correct management of the case.

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Table 1 Number of persons starting Court Order and pre/post release supervision by the Probation Service by sex ⁽¹⁾

England and Wales

	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Percentage change Q1 2009
MALES AND FEMALES						
All court orders	46,775	47,200	47,092	46,012	48,980	5
All community sentences	34,735	35,341	35,596	34,907	37,183	7
Community order	33,045	33,672	33,934	33,452	35,922	9
CRO	172	140	139	128	108	-37
CPO ⁽²⁾	981	983	962	859	693	-29
CPO (breach)	322	338	202	169	154	-52
CPRO	218	212	358	313	312	43
DTTO	7	7	5	3	0	*
C&YP 1969 ⁽³⁾	5	5	5	6	4	*
SSSO	8	17	13	6	10	*
MPSO	12	13	7	9	7	*
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	129	158	158	143	127	-2
Suspended sentence order	12,051	11,842	11,467	11,093	11,817	-2
Pre and post release supervision	11,872	12,704	12,485	11,722	11,845	0
MALES						
All court orders	39,701	39,920	39,846	38,854	41,407	4
All community sentences	29,342	29,777	30,000	29,325	31,363	7
Community order	27,822	28,282	28,503	27,995	30,225	9
CRO	127	112	115	114	88	-31
CPO ⁽²⁾	901	894	879	789	632	-30
CPO (breach)	288	307	186	160	143	-50
CPRO	206	191	324	280	282	37
DTTO	6	6	4	3	0	*
C&YP 1969 ⁽³⁾	5	4	5	6	3	*
SSSO	7	9	8	4	7	*
MPSO	9	13	4	7	5	*
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	104	122	134	113	102	-2
Suspended sentence order	10,372	10,148	9,819	9,527	10,070	-3
Pre and post release supervision	10,991	11,747	11,593	10,879	10,985	0
FEMALES						
All court orders	7,074	7,280	7,246	7,158	7,573	7
All community sentences	5,393	5,564	5,596	5,582	5,820	8
Community order	5,223	5,390	5,431	5,457	5,697	9
CRO	45	28	24	14	20	*
CPO ⁽²⁾	80	89	83	70	61	-24
CPO (breach)	34	31	16	9	11	*
CPRO	12	21	34	33	30	*
DTTO	1	1	1	0	0	*
C&YP 1969 ⁽³⁾	0	1	0	0	1	*
SSSO	1	8	5	2	3	*
MPSO	3	0	3	2	2	*
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	25	36	24	30	25	*
Suspended sentence order	1,679	1,694	1,648	1,566	1,747	4
Pre and post release supervision	881	957	892	843	860	-2

(1) Each person is counted only once in the total even if they started several types of supervision in the year.

(2) Includes CPOs for persistent petty offending and CPOs for fine default.

(3) Transfer of responsibility for supervision of offenders aged 16 to 17 to Youth Offending Teams began in 2000.

* Indicates that one or more of the comparative numbers are less than 50. For small numbers this could give misleading percentage changes.

Data Sources and Quality

These figures have been drawn from administrative IT systems which, as with any large scale recording system, are subject to possible errors with data entry and processing.

Table 2 Number of persons starting Community Order and Suspended Sentence Order supervision by number of requirements

England and Wales

	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Percentage change Q1 2009
Community Orders	33,045	33,672	33,934	33,452	35,922	9
1	16,778	17,153	17,080	16,574	17,980	7
2	11,501	11,661	11,969	11,858	12,628	10
3	4,108	4,162	4,190	4,186	4,491	9
4	569	617	604	726	708	24
5 or more	89	79	91	108	115	29
% Breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
1	51	51	50	50	50	
2	35	35	35	35	35	
3	12	12	12	13	13	
4	2	2	2	2	2	
5 or more	0	0	0	0	0	
Average (mean)	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	
Suspended Sentence Orders	12,051	11,842	11,467	11,093	11,817	-2
1	4,544	4,560	4,354	4,026	4,288	-6
2	5,059	4,891	4,857	4,732	5,004	-1
3	2,091	2,028	1,939	1,967	2,182	4
4	320	320	276	324	299	-7
5 or more	37	43	41	44	44	*
% Breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
1	38	39	38	36	36	
2	42	41	42	43	42	
3	17	17	17	18	18	
4	3	3	2	3	3	
5 or more	0	0	0	0	0	
Average (mean)	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.9	

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Table 3 Most frequently used combinations of requirements for Community Orders and Suspended Sentence Orders

England and Wales

	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Percentage change Q1 2009
Community Orders	33,045	33,672	33,934	33,452	35,922	9
Unpaid Work	10,660	10,806	10,789	10,377	11,363	7
Supervision	4,338	4,450	4,442	4,456	4,545	5
Supervision & Accredited Programme	3,603	3,457	3,325	3,258	3,307	-8
Supervision & Unpaid Work	2,376	2,542	2,552	2,512	2,781	17
Supervision & Drug Treatment	1,848	2,005	2,073	2,056	2,125	15
Curfew	1,407	1,537	1,460	1,363	1,581	12
Supervision, Unpaid Work & Accredited Programme	1,144	1,223	1,083	1,072	1,166	2
Unpaid Work & Unpaid Work ⁽¹⁾	720	703	696	602	590	-18
Supervision & Specified Activity	649	632	733	812	913	41
Supervision, Accredited Programme & Drug Treatment	535	511	500	545	429	-20
All other combinations of requirements	5,765	5,806	6,281	6,399	7,122	24
Suspended Sentence Orders	12,051	11,842	11,467	11,093	11,817	-2
Unpaid Work	2,311	2,281	2,229	2,124	2,332	1
Supervision & Accredited Programme	1,798	1,749	1,708	1,585	1,555	-14
Supervision	1,632	1,681	1,582	1,369	1,405	-14
Supervision & Unpaid Work	1,326	1,251	1,250	1,197	1,278	-4
Supervision, Unpaid Work & Accredited Programme	741	677	637	607	652	-12
Supervision & Drug Treatment	652	617	621	601	652	0
Curfew	342	326	307	323	329	-4
Supervision & Curfew	311	305	298	294	270	-13
Supervision, Accredited Programme & Drug Treatment	231	217	188	190	178	-23
Supervision & Specified Activity	180	204	210	206	277	54
All other combinations of requirements	2,527	2,534	2,437	2,597	2,889	14

(1) Normally a result of further unpaid work given for breach.

Data Sources and Quality

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Table 4 Number of requirements commenced under Community Orders and Suspended Sentence Orders

England and Wales

	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Percentage change Q1 2009
Community Orders	55,167	56,296	56,885	56,685	60,608	10
Supervision	18,957	19,373	19,615	19,789	20,771	10
Unpaid Work	18,385	18,824	18,721	18,006	19,731	7
Accredited Programme	6,871	6,704	6,465	6,424	6,628	-4
Drug Treatment	3,110	3,227	3,381	3,430	3,370	8
Curfew	3,700	3,887	3,917	3,871	4,189	13
Specified Activity	2,173	2,169	2,401	2,644	3,154	45
Alcohol Treatment	957	1,041	1,271	1,391	1,534	60
Residential	208	239	233	255	219	5
Mental Health	177	203	167	192	213	20
Exclusion	257	252	253	267	299	16
Prohibited Activity	249	247	327	288	338	36
Attendance Centre	123	130	134	128	162	32
% breakdown	100	99	100	94	100	
Supervision	34	34	34	35	34	
Unpaid Work	33	33	33	32	33	
Accredited Programme	12	12	11	11	11	
Drug Treatment	6	6	6	6	6	
Curfew	7	7	7	7	7	
Specified Activity	4	4	4	5	5	
Alcohol Treatment	2	2	2	2	3	
Residential	0	0	0	0	0	
Mental Health	0	0	0	0	0	
Exclusion	0	0	0	0	0	
Prohibited Activity	0	0	1	1	1	
Attendance Centre	0	0	0	0	0	
Suspended Sentence Orders	22,477	22,000	21,243	20,962	22,330	-1
Supervision	8,672	8,493	8,242	7,996	8,415	-3
Unpaid Work	5,616	5,449	5,299	5,163	5,566	-1
Accredited Programme	3,665	3,527	3,350	3,201	3,332	-9
Curfew	1,629	1,527	1,520	1,579	1,664	2
Drug Treatment	1,127	1,095	1,031	1,050	1,063	-6
Specified Activity	698	757	728	808	948	36
Alcohol Treatment	438	431	461	546	652	49
Exclusion	174	179	147	159	163	-6
Prohibited Activity	175	230	183	204	235	34
Residential	208	240	217	177	202	-3
Mental Health	57	54	49	62	66	16
Attendance Centre	18	18	16	17	24	*
% breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
Supervision	39	39	39	38	38	
Unpaid Work	25	25	25	25	25	
Accredited Programme	16	16	16	15	15	
Curfew	7	7	7	8	7	
Drug Treatment	5	5	5	5	5	
Specified Activity	3	3	3	4	4	
Alcohol Treatment	2	2	2	3	3	
Exclusion	1	1	1	1	1	
Prohibited Activity	1	1	1	1	1	
Residential	1	1	1	1	1	
Mental Health	0	0	0	0	0	
Attendance Centre	0	0	0	0	0	

* Indicates that one or more of the comparative numbers are less than 50. For small numbers this could give misleading percentage changes.

Data Sources and Quality

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Table 5 Number of persons starting Community Order and Suspended Sentence Order supervision by the Probation Service by area

	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Percentage change Q1 2009	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Percentage change Q1 2009
North East	2,370	2,410	2,403	2,433	2,633	11	733	685	742	670	721	-2
Durham	479	494	481	495	516	8	151	174	176	148	146	-3
Northumbria	1,256	1,223	1,235	1,275	1,382	10	380	310	363	347	387	2
Teesside	635	693	687	663	735	16	202	201	203	175	188	-7
North West	5,202	5,542	5,672	5,451	5,747	10	2,001	2,015	1,858	1,769	1,896	-5
Cheshire	634	581	652	670	663	5	215	218	168	205	198	-8
Cumbria	408	415	386	383	377	-8	115	99	89	73	96	-17
Lancashire	1,241	1,255	1,290	1,259	1,330	7	481	423	376	360	389	-19
Greater Manchester	2,057	2,034	2,099	2,005	2,166	5	895	888	776	758	838	-6
Merseyside	862	1,257	1,245	1,134	1,211	40	295	387	449	373	375	27
Yorkshire & Humberside	3,889	4,018	4,090	4,002	4,303	11	1,200	1,074	1,055	1,015	1,126	-6
Humberside	535	572	592	637	624	17	296	255	218	251	273	-8
North Yorkshire	410	425	430	457	500	22	150	117	129	112	126	-16
South Yorkshire	979	1,031	1,070	1,069	1,145	17	419	377	360	328	379	-10
West Yorkshire	1,965	1,990	1,998	1,839	2,034	4	335	325	348	324	348	4
East Midlands	2,745	2,878	2,731	2,749	2,837	3	1,093	1,049	972	923	974	-11
Derbyshire	594	654	596	639	712	20	274	274	283	237	239	-13
Leicestershire	676	614	532	517	543	-20	254	253	222	261	227	-11
Lincolnshire	311	338	359	350	336	8	146	135	103	108	110	-25
Northamptonshire	344	387	369	392	362	5	116	139	131	94	118	2
Nottinghamshire	820	885	875	851	884	8	303	248	233	223	280	-8
West Midlands	3,331	3,383	3,430	3,237	3,866	16	1,413	1,344	1,306	1,295	1,537	9
Staffordshire	574	621	613	590	616	7	217	260	230	243	250	15
Warwickshire	293	275	284	266	343	17	83	65	61	61	74	-11
West Mercia	530	569	624	601	668	26	198	187	170	198	217	10
West Midlands	1,934	1,918	1,909	1,780	2,239	16	915	832	845	793	996	9
Eastern	2,944	2,859	3,071	2,913	3,059	4	1,051	1,035	1,025	959	1,003	-5
Bedfordshire	324	310	315	300	329	2	91	83	90	84	97	7
Cambridgeshire	400	443	463	400	429	7	157	196	197	182	168	7
Essex	950	873	959	912	951	0	310	283	292	289	326	5
Hertfordshire	582	611	580	548	592	2	161	146	173	157	149	-7
Norfolk	407	356	427	395	408	0	195	190	156	143	150	-23
Suffolk	281	266	327	358	350	25	137	137	117	104	113	-18
London	4,086	4,130	4,282	4,196	4,374	7	1,637	1,626	1,668	1,688	1,764	8
South East	4,528	3,637	4,050	3,894	4,187	-8	1,281	1,513	1,426	1,229	1,261	-2
Hampshire	1,119	1,102	1,147	1,079	1,125	1	326	384	335	319	268	-18
Kent	833	819	833	788	917	10	301	342	298	302	316	5
Surrey	428	388	404	434	452	6	133	138	133	103	121	-9
Sussex	1202	705	717	698	805	-33	398	271	286	211	245	-38
Thames Valley	946	962	949	895	888	-6	357	378	374	294	311	-13
South West	2,161	2,344	2,140	2,434	2,544	18	734	690	659	683	744	1
Avon & Somerset	661	787	771	837	867	31	213	213	195	213	253	19
Devon & Cornwall	577	593	427	645	639	11	213	196	178	181	204	-4
Dorset	313	323	324	326	369	18	127	115	133	123	146	15
Gloucestershire	324	345	324	339	346	7	99	84	90	105	85	-14
Wiltshire	286	296	294	287	323	13	82	82	63	61	56	-32
Wales	2,162	2,132	2,065	2,143	2,372	10	791	811	756	862	791	0
Dyfed-Powys	253	243	214	242	281	11	86	91	101	117	86	0
Gwent	381	374	374	404	421	10	135	127	122	136	144	7
North Wales	455	461	500	470	540	19	151	166	149	161	176	17
South Wales	1,073	1,054	977	1,027	1,130	5	419	427	384	448	385	-8
All areas	33,045	33,672	33,934	33,452	35,922	9	12,051	11,842	11,467	11,093	11,817	-2

Data Sources and Quality

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Table 6 Number of persons starting Community Order and Suspended Sentence Order supervision by tier

England and Wales

	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Percentage change Q1 2009
Community Orders	33,045	33,672	33,934	33,452	35,922	9
Tier 1 (Low)	9,506	10,428	11,280	10,926	12,069	27
Tier 2 (Low/Medium)	9,424	8,979	8,609	8,618	9,159	-3
Tier 3 (Medium/High)	12,145	12,234	12,064	11,836	12,514	3
Tier 4 (High)	1,328	1,406	1,472	1,515	1,609	21
Tier not stated	642	625	509	557	571	-11
% Breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
Tier 1 (Low)	29	31	33	33	34	
Tier 2 (Low/Medium)	29	27	25	26	25	
Tier 3 (Medium/High)	37	36	36	35	35	
Tier 4 (High)	4	4	4	5	4	
Tier not stated	2	2	1	2	2	
Suspended Sentence Orders	12,051	11,842	11,467	11,093	11,817	-2
Tier 1 (Low)	2,096	2,239	2,433	2,410	2,685	28
Tier 2 (Low/Medium)	3,244	3,117	3,035	2,817	3,019	-7
Tier 3 (Medium/High)	5,731	5,541	5,062	4,949	5,201	-9
Tier 4 (High)	808	790	764	766	756	-6
Tier not stated	172	155	173	151	156	-9
% Breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
Tier 1 (Low)	17	19	21	22	23	
Tier 2 (Low/Medium)	27	26	26	25	26	
Tier 3 (Medium/High)	48	47	44	45	44	
Tier 4 (High)	7	7	7	7	6	
Tier not stated	1	1	2	1	1	

Data Sources and Quality

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Table 7 Persons supervised by the Probation Service at end of period ⁽¹⁾

England and Wales

	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008 ⁽⁶⁾	Q1 2009	Percentage change Q1 2009
MALES AND FEMALES						
All court orders	149,282	147,786	146,680	146,725	146,904	-2
All community sentences	109,166	107,266	106,551	106,714	107,208	-2
Community order	101,246	100,455	100,362	101,153	102,336	1
CRO	2,806	2,132	1,687	1,447	1,191	-58
CPO ⁽²⁾	2,852	2,601	2,446	2,231	1,934	-32
CPO (breach)	476	386	366	304	255	-46
CPRO	2,146	1,928	1,830	1,739	1,650	-23
DTTO	104	98	92	84	62	-40
C&YP 1969 ⁽³⁾	45	74	67	55	38	*
SSSO ⁽⁴⁾	124	127	109	89	72	-42
MPSO	244	215	209	173	167	-32
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	95	97	105	90	84	-12
Suspended sentence order	44,253	44,614	44,173	43,977	43,675	-1
All pre and post release supervision ^(1,5)	97,082	99,193	99,139	98,477	99,138	2
Pre release supervision	67,535	68,407	68,453	66,864	67,174	-1
Post release supervision	30,270	31,583	31,407	32,220	32,560	8
MALES						
All court orders	127,730	126,374	125,317	125,229	125,305	-2
All community sentences	93,237	91,600	90,936	90,970	91,365	-2
Community order	86,389	85,657	85,521	86,066	87,086	1
CRO	2,331	1,785	1,408	1,227	1,015	-56
CPO ⁽²⁾	2,577	2,370	2,240	2,044	1,758	-32
CPO (breach)	456	365	344	283	234	-49
CPRO	1,906	1,724	1,636	1,561	1,479	-22
DTTO	78	75	72	67	49	-37
C&YP 1969 ⁽³⁾	42	68	61	49	35	*
SSSO ⁽⁴⁾	85	89	76	60	46	*
MPSO	178	159	155	123	118	-34
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	77	78	91	77	70	-9
Suspended sentence order	38,165	38,413	37,986	37,759	37,443	-2
All pre and post release supervision ^(1,5)	91,704	93,620	93,680	93,136	93,704	2
Pre release supervision	64,027	64,802	64,952	63,535	63,784	0
Post release supervision	28,373	29,586	29,428	30,190	30,497	7
FEMALES						
All court orders	21,552	21,412	21,363	21,496	21,599	0
All community sentences	15,929	15,666	15,615	15,744	15,843	-1
Community order	14,857	14,798	14,841	15,087	15,250	3
CRO	475	347	279	220	176	-63
CPO ⁽²⁾	275	231	206	187	176	-36
CPO (breach)	20	21	22	21	21	*
CPRO	240	204	194	178	171	-29
DTTO	26	23	20	17	13	*
C&YP 1969 ⁽³⁾	3	6	6	6	3	*
SSSO ⁽⁴⁾	39	38	33	29	26	*
MPSO	66	56	54	50	49	*
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	18	19	14	13	14	*
Suspended sentence order	6,088	6,201	6,187	6,218	6,232	2
All pre and post release supervision ^(1,5)	5,378	5,573	5,459	5,341	5,434	1
Pre release supervision	3,508	3,605	3,501	3,329	3,390	-3
Post release supervision	1,897	1,997	1,979	2,030	2,063	9

(1) Each person is counted only once in the all community sentences and pre and post release figures, even if they started several types of supervision in the year.

(2) Includes CPOs for persistent petty offending and CPOs for fine default. Excludes those supervised on CPO for more than 2 years.

(3) Transfer of responsibility for supervision of offenders aged 16 to 17 to Youth Offending Teams began in 2000.

(4) Pre CJA03 sentence

(5) Excludes those on voluntary supervision for more than 3 years.

(6) The pre and post release figures for Q4 2008 are slightly understated, due to an under-recording of the caseload in data submitted by the West Midlands area. This is due to them recently changing case management systems.

* Indicates that one or more of the comparative numbers are less than 50. For small numbers this could give misleading percentage changes.

Data Sources and Quality

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Table 8 Persons supervised by the Probation Service at 31 March 2009, by area

Region/Area	All Pre CJA orders	Community Order	Suspended Sentence Order	All court orders ⁽¹⁾	All pre release supervision	All post release supervision	All pre and post release supervision ⁽¹⁾	All Probation Service supervision ⁽¹⁾
North East	240	7,143	2,811	9,787	3,116	1,680	4,773	14,427
Durham	51	1,459	566	2,001	572	334	904	2,878
Northumbria	120	3,760	1,461	5,145	1,575	838	2,394	7,470
Teesside	69	1,924	784	2,641	969	508	1,475	4,079
North West	818	15,067	6,911	22,149	10,597	4,961	15,461	37,343
Cheshire	59	1,746	665	2,413	904	574	1,461	3,851
Cumbria	61	1,018	332	1,382	465	246	707	2,075
Lancashire	144	3,332	1,404	4,727	1,829	1,015	2,838	7,517
Greater Manchester	411	5,776	2,904	8,812	4,595	2,130	6,709	15,423
Merseyside	143	3,195	1,606	4,815	2,804	996	3,746	8,477
Yorkshire & Humberside	378	10,754	3,649	14,486	7,229	3,874	11,085	25,411
Humberside	79	1,593	793	2,410	1,287	728	2,013	4,405
North Yorkshire	59	1,035	416	1,482	519	309	828	2,297
South Yorkshire	82	2,631	1,165	3,797	2,010	1,080	3,084	6,833
West Yorkshire	158	5,495	1,275	6,797	3,413	1,757	5,160	11,876
East Midlands	266	7,428	3,243	10,670	4,975	2,498	7,452	18,038
Derbyshire	87	1,723	844	2,565	961	566	1,527	4,071
Leicestershire	72	1,457	795	2,267	933	486	1,415	3,672
Lincolnshire	18	898	332	1,229	578	278	856	2,079
Northamptonshire	12	1,118	425	1,525	793	424	1,203	2,715
Nottinghamshire	77	2,232	847	3,084	1,710	744	2,451	5,501
West Midlands	632	11,608	5,569	17,274	7,788	3,729	11,371	28,403
Staffordshire	76	1,776	906	2,685	1,047	604	1,648	4,320
Warwickshire	32	858	272	1,135	415	270	674	1,798
West Mercia	78	1,797	740	2,540	929	513	1,438	3,943
West Midlands	446	7,177	3,651	10,914	5,397	2,342	7,611	18,342
Eastern	421	9,123	4,083	13,226	4,746	2,550	7,270	20,376
Bedfordshire	29	866	327	1,206	717	338	1,053	2,252
Cambridgeshire	35	1,296	674	1,948	768	449	1,216	3,138
Essex	172	3,267	1,407	4,658	1,303	764	2,052	6,671
Hertfordshire	100	1,644	687	2,370	690	365	1,052	3,402
Norfolk	39	1,068	475	1,541	678	400	1,078	2,607
Suffolk	46	982	513	1,503	590	234	819	2,306
London	1,291	16,314	7,022	23,966	14,246	5,922	20,014	43,598
South East	519	11,640	4,769	16,425	7,211	3,553	10,732	27,009
Hampshire	165	3,170	1,108	4,335	1,452	875	2,315	6,603
Kent	98	2,450	1,185	3,598	1,654	793	2,447	6,013
Surrey	18	1,030	378	1,393	536	267	798	2,178
Sussex	103	2,192	925	3,100	1,800	696	2,484	5,565
Thames Valley	135	2,798	1,173	3,999	1,769	922	2,688	6,650
South West	302	6,884	2,579	9,533	3,905	1,944	5,808	15,247
Avon & Somerset	67	2,550	858	3,396	1,388	621	1,996	5,358
Devon & Cornwall	149	1,696	705	2,503	1,075	496	1,557	4,044
Dorset	28	826	422	1,247	543	295	834	2,068
Gloucestershire	26	922	354	1,252	489	326	811	2,042
Wiltshire	32	890	240	1,135	410	206	610	1,735
Wales	233	6,375	3,039	9,388	3,361	1,849	5,172	14,438
Dyfed-Powys	20	709	352	1,061	310	186	491	1,545
Gwent	46	1,358	532	1,889	553	352	899	2,769
North Wales	79	1,283	700	2,009	670	400	1,061	3,037
South Wales	88	3,025	1,455	4,429	1,828	911	2,721	7,087
All areas	5,100	102,336	43,675	146,904	67,174	32,560	99,138	244,290

(1) Each person is counted only once in the all court orders and pre and post release figures, even if they started several types of supervision in the period.

Data Sources and Quality

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Table 9 Terminations of court orders by reason ⁽¹⁾

England and Wales	Percentages				
	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009
Community Order					
Ran their full course	48	49	49	50	51
Terminated early for:					
good progress	10	11	12	12	11
failure to comply with requirements	21	19	18	17	16
conviction of offence	11	11	11	11	11
other reasons	10	10	10	10	10
Total number	30,804	31,759	31,542	29,876	31,874
Suspended Sentence Order					
Ran their full course	48	49	51	54	55
Terminated early for:					
good progress	8	10	10	10	10
failure to comply with requirements	18	15	15	13	13
conviction of offence	17	18	16	16	16
other reasons	8	8	8	8	7
Total number	9,592	10,093	10,901	10,061	10,826

(1) The increase over time in percentages of Community Orders and Suspended Sentence Orders running their full course is due partly to the fact that the more time the order has had to run, the greater the chance of it being completed successfully.

Data Sources and Quality

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Table 10 Court reports written by the Probation Service by type of report and court

England and Wales

	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Percentage change Q1 2009
All court reports⁽¹⁾	57,802	57,726	56,598	55,101	58,184	1
Standard PSR	34,621	34,402	33,314	32,182	32,057	-7
Fast Delivery PSR written	13,930	14,022	14,204	13,890	15,816	14
Fast Delivery PSR oral	6,099	6,298	6,136	6,275	7,284	19
Deferred sentence ⁽²⁾	270	231	228	251	263	-3
PSR breach	2,882	2,773	2,716	2,503	2,764	-4
Court Review	198	174	191	180	154	-22
Magistrates' courts	43,785	43,118	42,399	41,005	43,215	-1
Standard PSR	21,652	21,050	20,497	19,599	19,173	-11
Fast Delivery PSR written	13,258	13,177	13,236	12,790	14,270	8
Fast Delivery PSR oral	5,996	6,160	6,005	6,142	7,072	18
Deferred sentence ⁽²⁾	164	139	135	145	148	-10
PSR breach	2,715	2,592	2,526	2,329	2,552	-6
Court Review	194	169	186	169	146	-25
Crown Court	14,017	14,608	14,199	14,096	14,969	7
Standard PSR	12,969	13,352	12,817	12,583	12,884	-1
Fast Delivery PSR written	672	845	968	1,100	1,546	130
Fast Delivery PSR oral	103	138	131	133	212	106
Deferred sentence ⁽²⁾	106	92	93	106	115	8
PSR breach	167	181	190	174	212	27
Court Review	4	5	5	11	8	*

(1) Does not include Court Review reports

(2) On appearance for sentence after deferment.

* Indicates that one or more of the comparative numbers are less than 50. For small numbers this could give misleading percent

Data Sources and Quality

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Table 11 Concordance between sentences proposed and given where a PSR was written, April 2008 - March 2009

England and Wales

	Sentence given							All
	Community Sentences	Suspended Sentence Order	Custody	Fine	Absolute/Conditional Discharge	Other		
Sentence proposed								
All Community Sentences ⁽¹⁾	96,151	21,929	14,450	1,100	1,145	2,096	136,871	
Suspended Sentence Order	2,469	10,799	6,950	88	86	355	20,747	
All immediate custodial sentences	577	822	14,743	45	77	301	16,565	
Fine	618	159	76	1,835	186	85	2,959	
All	99,815	33,709	36,219	3,068	1,494	2,837	177,142	
% breakdown								
All Community Sentences ⁽¹⁾	70%	16%	11%	1%	1%	2%	100%	
Suspended Sentence Order	12%	52%	33%	0%	0%	2%	100%	
All immediate custodial sentences	3%	5%	89%	0%	0%	2%	100%	
Fine	21%	5%	3%	62%	6%	3%	100%	

(1) Includes all pre-CJA community sentences

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